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STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD RESOLUTION NO. 2022-

DELEGATING AUTHORITIES FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF GENERAL FUND ALLOCATIONS FOR DROUGHT EMERGENCY SUPPORT

WHEREAS:

1. On October 19, 2021, the Governor issued a “Proclamation of a State of Emergency” including all counties in the State of California;
2. Senate Bill (SB) 129 (Stats. 2021, ch. 69) added Item 3940-105-0001 to Section 2.00 of the Budget Act of 2021 and allocated \$10 million from the General Fund for drinking water emergency assistance, all of which has been committed to projects;
3. Current drought conditions, which are anticipated to continue, are likely to necessitate immediate actions to assure availability of safe drinking water, and to protect public health and safety in communities across the State;
4. It is the intent of the State Water Board to provide drought emergency support in an expedient manner, with priority given to economically disadvantaged communities;
5. On March 4, 2022, the Department of Finance notified the Joint Legislative Budget Committee of a Budget Augmentation to the State Water Board, which included \$6 million for emergency drinking water funding to support interim and permanent solutions for drinking water, drought, and water outage emergencies.
6. Given the significant projected need for additional drinking water funding for drought emergency support, the State Water Board may be allocated additional General Fund resources that must be deployed quickly to help communities in need; and
7. As directed by the State Water Board in [Resolution No. 2016-0010](#), the proposed actions will support the human right to water by providing financial and administrative assistance to improve access to, and the quality of, drinking water in disadvantaged communities.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The State Water Board:

1. Authorizes the Deputy Director of DFA to approve or deny emergency drinking water funding requests that will be funded with General Fund allocations appropriated prior to June 30, 2023, up to a maximum of \$100 million including funds allocated consistent with Control Section 11.85 of the Budget Act of 2021; and

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2. Authorizes the Deputy Director of DFA to execute agreements, amendments, and other instruments to pay in advance, expend funds on behalf of public water systems, and disburse funds pursuant to above and to perform all acts and to do all things necessary and convenient to implement such agreements.

CERTIFICATION

The undersigned Clerk to the Board does hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of a resolution duly and regularly adopted at a meeting of the State Water Resources Control Board held on April 5, 2022.

Jeanine Townsend
Clerk to the Board